

REMARKS

The comments of the Examiner as set forth in the official office action have been carefully studied and reviewed. In this response claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations formally found in claims 15 and 16. Since claim 16 was indicated to be in condition for allowance, it should follow that the present application is now in condition for allowance.


If perchance this response does not place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned and steps will be taken to place the application in condition for allowance.

The time, attention and cooperation of the Examiner is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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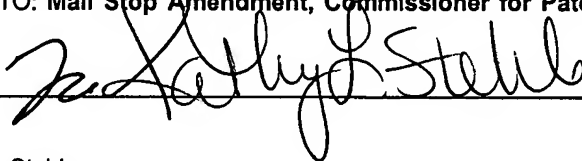

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